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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREARAGES

REF: (A) STATE 136243, (B) PANAMA 4677

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A) OF JUNE 1976, THE LONG-STANDING  
ISSUE OF LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT POSES A UNIQUE  
AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. POST REPLIES TO THE REFTEL, IN PAR-  
TICULAR THE STRESS BY MANY POSTS ON THE NEED FOR ADDED DOCU-  
MENTATION, REINFORCES OUR APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFICULTIES  
THAT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL ENTAIL.

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2. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN OF MANY POSTS THAT THIS PAR-  
TICULAR DEBT ISSUE NOT BECOME AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN BI-  
LATERAL RELATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE SENSITIVE  
TO THESE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS  
REGARDING OUR MILITARY MISSION PROGRAMS IN A NUMBER OF LATIN  
AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE SITUATION IN PANAMA IS OF COURSE

COMPLICATED BY NEGOTIATION OF THE NEW CANAL TREATY.

3. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE ISSUE AND ARE AGREED THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO PURSUE RESOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN NOTED IN PARA 2, THAT OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE MADE IN A LOW-KEY FASHION AND AT A WORKING LEVEL.

4. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE ARE REVIEWING THE DEBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO PANAMA FOR COMPENSATION. WE WILL CONSULT WITH AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIOR TO ANY DECISIONS TO TAKE THIS ISSUE UP WITH PANAMA. PANAMANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS BEEN BILLED FOR 7,280.64 DOLS FOR PCS AND RELATED EXPENSES.

5. YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE IS MUCH APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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